of designations in HPSEB and NJPC

SHRIMATI CHANDRESH RI: Will the Minister of POWER sed to state:

hether Government have been re- d to equate the level and designa- s of the posts of the officers of Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board and Nathpa Jhakhri Power Corporation;

(b) whether such requests also include to ensure no reduction of share of posts of HPSEB Management in future either on retirement/resignation/death in service of staff HPSEB;

(c) if so, the action taken on these requests; and

(d) if no action has been taken, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (d) An agreement dated 23.7.1991 was drawn up between the Government of India and Government of Himachal Pradesh which *inter-alia* envisage that 2870 personnel of Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board (HPSEB) would be taken over by Nathpa Jhakri Power Corporation (NJPC) on "as is where is" basis. However, a result of the bilateral lis-
cussions held on 4.8.1995, both HPSEB and NJPC had mutually agreed that in case of resignation/death/retirement etc. replacements are not to be made.

HPSEB and NJPC had in a supplementary agreement dated 6-1-1992 mutually worked out equivalences of HPSEB Engineers working in NJPC on secondment basis for the purpose of incremental recruitment and exercising delegated financial powers. However, from time to time, Engineers and other Staff of HPSEB on secondment to NJPC had been raising demands for improvement of their service conditions including equivalences. Negotiations at various levels with various associations/unions have since been held as a result of which NJPC has formulated a package deal and submitted to the Government for final dispensation.

NTPC dues outstanding against Delhi and Uttar Pradesh

1049. DR. B. B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has decided to snap power supplies to Delhi and Uttar
Pradesh in case they do not pay their huge outstanding dues;

(b) if so, the amount of outstanding dues from them to NTPC;

(c) the reasons for the delay in clearing the outstanding dues; and

(d) the action taken by Government to solve the problem?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has not taken any decision to snap power supply to Uttar Pradesh (UP) and Delhi as both the states after receiving notices from NTPC have taken the following actions to liquidate their outstanding dues:—

(i) **Uttar Pradesh**

Subsequent to issue of notice, UPSEB enhanced the Letter of Credit (LC) from Rs. 105 crores to Rs. 120 crores. UPSEB has agreed to further enhance LC to the level of average monthly billing of Rs. 131 crores shortly and to Rs. 140 crores by end of December, 1998. UPSEB has also agreed in principle to consider issue of bonds worth Rs. 500 crores guaranteed by Government of UP as part settlement of the outstanding dues. Government of Uttar Pradesh have also agreed in principle to consider transfer Maneri Bhali Hydro Project to NTPC towards liquidating their outstanding dues.

(ii) *Delhi*

Delhi have established LC of Rs. 90